

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 13-25 and 28-30 currently appear in this application. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

In response to a telephone request from Examiner Robinson December 17, 2004 and in accordance with a telephone conference with Examiner Robinson January 10, 2005, the present application has been amended to delete claims 31-34 and deleting the phrase "an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring," from the definition of R¹¹ in the claims. This amendment is being submitted at the behest of Examiner Robinson.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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